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ONE PENNY.

QUOITS.

SINGULAR MATCH.—On Saturday a singular game at quoits was played at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds, by W. McGregor, of South Shields, for a wager of £20 to £20 that he could not play fifty ringers, with quoits 8½ in diameter, 18 yds distance, in 45 min, on clay-sticking ends. There was very little betting on the event, McGregor being the favourite against time. He accomplished the task in an easy style, and played one ringer more than the stipulated number. **CURDS AND HILL.**—The match, for £20 a side, between J. Child, of Horforth, near Leeds, and W. Hill, of Bradford, which was fixed to be played at Lockwood Cricket Ground, near Huddersfield, was—in consequence of not being alteration of place caused many not to attend. There was a large amount of money bet on the event, Hill being the favourite at 2 to 1, with few takers. Child obtained four chalks at the first two ends. When Child had obtained nine, Hill had obtained eight. Child then got five double and six single ends, without Hill getting a single chalk, and when Child had got forty-one up, Hill had only obtained sixteen chalks.

SWIMMING.

NEWCASTLE.

On Saturday last an interesting swimming match, for £5 a side, was decided on the Tyne, between Bamford and Ruddy, both of Gateshead, distance 80 yds. It will be admitted that this contest will in nowise establish the merits of the victor as a swimmer, inasmuch as the ground—or rather, we should say, the water—to be traversed was so trifling that no decided opinion could be formed of the winner's capabilities. The contest, taken all in all, was exceedingly spirited, and throughout there were the greatest doubts as to the issue. Bamford made the best of the plunge, reaching the surface of the river fully two yards in advance. This advantage Ruddy was never able to decrease, and after an exciting piece of contention the competitors reached the terminus in pretty

nearly the same position as at the start. We understand there is a likelihood of the same men contesting 300 yds. It is not our province to meddle with qualified abhorrence of the absurd manner in which a party of aspirants endeavour to ratify an agreement. They ought to be cognisant that it is their duty to treat for matches in a friendly way, and not to consider it essentially necessary to bring matters to an amicable solution by an introduction of what is unquestionably more fitted to *attachés* of the D. R.

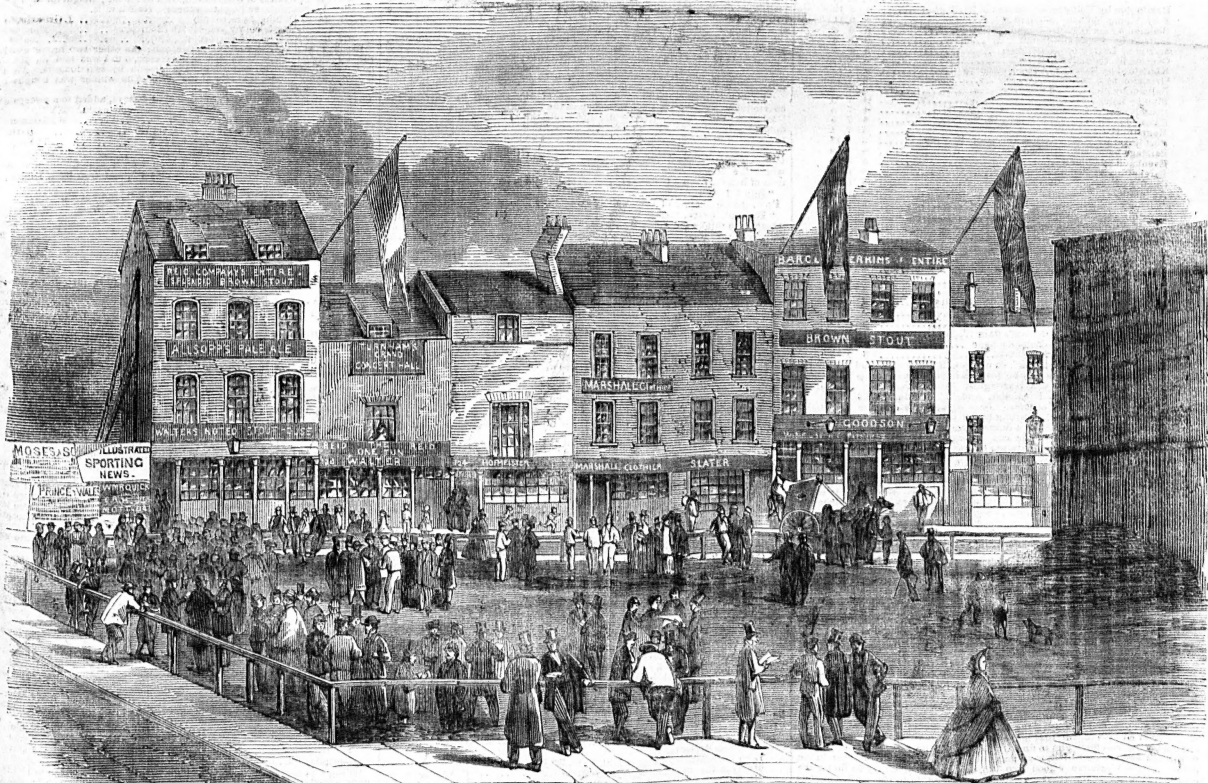
MR. WALKER, of London, the justly sensational swimmer, who has been mainly instrumental in introducing the beautiful science of natation into the north, has announced that his annual benefit will take place at the Northumberland Baths, Newcastle, on Wednesday evening, the 29th inst., when Mr. E. L. Mather, of Manchester, the Champion of England (at present) matched with F. E. Beckwith, of London, for £200, has kindly consented to swim a friendly contest with one of the best swimmers in the north. The entertainment altogether is under favourable auspices, and when we mention that R. Chambers, H. Clasper, E. Winslip, and several other equally celebrated swimmers, will take part in the proceedings, it is a sure guarantee that the gala will in every point of view be one of the most successful ever held in the North of England. The programme of the evening's amusements is one of the most excellent description, and we can confidently assert of the most enticing nature. The entertainment will be under the management of Mr. Walker and Mr. Williams, who, as on previous occasions, will do their utmost to satisfy the public. The following is a summary of the amusements, which, although rather too numerous, will nevertheless be decided in accordance with the programme:—A steeplechase, four lengths of the baths, for a Leander silver medal, will first be decided, open to all swimmers, except the winner of the last steeplechase. A handicap for a gold medal, given by Mr. James H. Baird, open to members of the Newcastle Swimming Club only; the distance is to be four lengths of the bath. This is the most valuable prize, and the competition will consequently be of a keen description. After this important feature has been decided, a gold prize, open to members only, will be given to be swum for with clothes on, not to weigh less than 15 lb; distance two lengths of the baths. This novel introduction will materially enable such swimmers to appreciate the value of one of the most useful accomplishments. Immediately after the above, a handicap, open

to third-class members only, distance three lengths of the baths, for a Leander silver medal, given by the Newcastle Swimming Club, will come off. This is a very commendable gift, inasmuch as it will stimulate those who have no opportunity of distinguishing themselves amongst more efficient members. After the termination of this contest, Mr. Mather, of Manchester, will engage and swim a friendly match with a celebrated professor at present in the north. Mr. M. will also have the honour of exhibiting the beautiful Champion Cup which he won in his late engagement on the Thames. Mr. Walker will next astonish the natives with his feats of natation. We have had occasion to comment on the marvellous performance of this talented instructor, and, to those who have not witnessed this gentleman's skill, we can with perfect assurance advise them not to neglect this forthcoming opportunity. The whole proceedings will wind up with a highly amusing and ludicrous rowing match in tubs, for a prize, by three well-known rowers.

RABBIT COURSING.

MACCLESFIELD.—G. Crowder, of Macclesfield, will match his barred bitch Nell, that has never run for a shilling, against T. Heston's Bob, of Barnsley, or J. Hallam's Lass, of Longton, or Macarthy's barred bitch, of Stockport, at 20 lb weight, the best of twenty-one courses, 60 yds law, the matches to take place at the Bull's Head, Gorton; or will take one dead rabbit of W. Ellis' Polly, of Idle, at the same weight, and either give or take reasonable expenses to run at the Carligan Arms, Leeds, or at Macclesfield. If a deposit be sent to J. Holden, Manchester, and articles to G. Crowder, Uniform Inn, Market-place, Macclesfield, a match can be made. To run in three weeks from the first deposit.

FLORA AND LILL.—Mr. Woolfoot, Harwood Arms, Leeds, has received articles and £5 a side for a rabbit-coursing match, to run the best of twenty-one courses, for £25 a side, between Ralph Marshall's bitch Flora, of Gilterscum, and J. Sunderland's bitch Lill, of Woodhouse, Flora to have a dead rabbit allowed, and not to exceed 15 lb, Lill not to exceed 15 lb. To run at the Carligan Arms, Leeds, on Saturday, August 22.



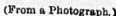
"THE RUINS" IN FARRINGTON-ROAD, THE FAMOUS AL FRESCO RESORT OF THE BOOKMAKERS.

(From a Drawing by our own Artist.)

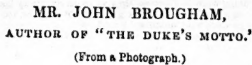
6 to 2 agst Anfield (off) 10 to 1 agst Zaporozh
6 to 1 — Bellman (t) 25 to 1 — Magnum Bonum (t)
Goodwood Cur.
85 to 40 agst Buckstone (t).

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to run their race of 100 yds. for £5 a side; the betting 6 to 4 on Blandford. Mr. Pickworth was chosen referee. The men agreed to start by a pull of the anchorchief. Blandford got away first by a yard and a half, and ran in a winner of a good race by a foot.



MR. ALF. DRAXIN'S 100 yds novice handicap for money prizes (the second of a series) will take place on Saturday next, at Littler's New Running Grounds, Wiling Green Inn, Holloway Head, Birmingham. First heat to be run at 8 o'clock.

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First Heat.		
5. Mr. E. H. Collings, London Rowing Club..	Green 1
1. Mr. C. E. Innes, London Rowing Club	Yellow 2
2. Mr. D. T. Campbell, North London Rowing Club		

